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VENDOR AUTHORIZATION APPLICATION

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VENDOR APPLICATION PACKAGE

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 WIC Vendor Agreement (2) **(Complete and return both!)**

**PLEASE CAREFULLY READ THIS ENTIRE PACKAGE BEFORE
COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING THE VENDOR APPLICATION**

**APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE STOCKING REQUIREMENTS
AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION SUBMISSION.**

INTRODUCTION

WHAT IS WIC?

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, or WIC is a nutritional program for pregnant women, breastfeeding mothers, postpartum mothers, babies, and children under five years old. WIC participants must have family income that are less than 185% of the poverty level and have health problems that can be improved through good nutrition.

The foods WIC provides include:

- ✓ Baby foods – fruits and vegetables for all infants and meat for exclusively breastfed infants
- ✓ Beans
- ✓ Canned tuna, salmon, and sardines for some women
- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Cheese
- ✓ Eggs
- ✓ 100% fruit juice
- ✓ Fruits and vegetables (fresh, frozen, canned)
- ✓ Iron fortified infant formula
- ✓ Infant cereal
- ✓ Milk
- ✓ Peanut Butter
- ✓ Soy Milk
- ✓ Tofu
- ✓ Whole wheat bread (or brown rice or whole wheat or soft corn tortillas)

WIC also refers participants to health and social service programs and provides information on good eating habits to help people be healthy and eat well.

Infants whose mothers participate in WIC weigh more when they are born and have fewer health problems than infants whose mothers did not participate. Children who participate in WIC are less likely to have anemia (blood problems) than children who do not participate.

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds WIC, which is run by the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Family Health Administration. WIC is administered at the local level by local WIC agencies such as Health Departments and Community Health Centers that operate throughout Maryland.

WIC is different from the SNAP Program (formerly food stamps) because participants can only buy the types and quantities of foods shown on their

checks. They can only buy nutritious foods prescribed by the WIC Program. WIC participants can only use their checks at stores that have a signed agreement with the State WIC Agency. The stores and people who sell WIC foods are very important because they:

- ✓ Help people become healthier;
- ✓ Are located statewide to give WIC Participants shopping options at a variety of locations; and
- ✓ Make sure that WIC customers buy only those foods prescribed on their WIC checks.

WIC AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF VENDORS:

- ✓ Food Store - A grocery store licensed under Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 10.15.03 that has no pharmacy on its premises.
- ✓ Pharmacy - A drug store licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy that does not have a food store under the same ownership on its premises.
- ✓ Food Store/Pharmacy Combination - A food store and a pharmacy under the same ownership on the same premises.
- ✓ Commissary - A grocery store located on a military installation and/or owned by the Department of Defense.

The WIC Program also authorizes farmers participating in the Farmers' Market Nutrition Program to accept WIC fruit and vegetable checks at authorized Farmers' Markets.

With the exception of military commissaries, the Maryland WIC Program will not authorize stores that are expected to receive 50% or more of their eligible food sales revenue from WIC. Additionally, if after authorization a WIC vendor is determined to derive 50% or more of its eligible food sales revenue from WIC, authorization shall be terminated. Eligible foods sales do not include items that are not eligible for purchase under the Food Stamp Program (FSP).

HOW IS YOUR STORE PAID?

After a store has accepted a WIC check as payment for WIC foods, the check may be deposited in the bank for payment. All WIC checks deposited in the bank must have a WIC vendor stamp on the front in the designated area, and an endorsement by the vendor on the back in order to be paid. **Checks improperly processed may be rejected by the bank and returned unpaid to the vendor.**

Your agreement with the Maryland WIC Program lets you accept checks only from Maryland. If you take them from another state or Washington, D.C. Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, you must be authorized by those jurisdictions to accept their WIC checks. **The Maryland WIC Program cannot pay you for any checks other than Maryland WIC checks.**

APPLICANT'S MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for authorization as a WIC vendor, owners of retail food stores, combination food store/pharmacies, or pharmacies must meet the following criteria:

- ✓ A completed application must be received by the State Agency from a retail food store, combination retail food store/pharmacy, or pharmacy operating at a fixed location within the State of Maryland and must be accessible to the disabled. The vendor must hold a food service facility license issued by a local health department or department of environment. In order to qualify as a combination retail food store/pharmacy or pharmacy, the applicant must maintain a current registration or license issued by the State of Maryland Board of Pharmacy, or is licensed to distribute pharmaceuticals.
- ✓ If the store is not a pharmacy, it must meet the minimum stock requirements as specified in the "Required Minimum Stock" section of this Application Package. **Minimum stock must be on the store premises as of the date and time of submission of the Vendor Application and the State Agency on-site review.**
- ✓ The store must be operational at the time of the on-site review by the State Agency.
- ✓ The store must have authorization from the SNAP Program and may not be currently disqualified or suspended from the WIC Program or the SNAP Program.
- ✓ The applicant must maintain the store in a sanitary condition, with no evidence of excess un-removed rubbish, vermin, or general lack of cleanliness.
- ✓ If a combination food store/pharmacy or pharmacy, the applicant must be able to provide, within 48 hours of a request from a participant or the Program (excluding weekends and holidays), any WIC authorized infant formula.
- ✓ Except for a pharmacy or military commissary, a vendor applicant shall have actual highest current shelf prices that are less than or equal to 125% of the Peer Group average in the vendor applicant's region during the month of application, as determined by the State agency.
- ✓ The applicant must owe no outstanding payment(s) to the State Agency that are more than 90 days overdue.

Applicants not meeting the above qualification criterion will be declared unqualified, and the application will not be processed. Meeting the criterion above does not constitute authorization to redeem Maryland WIC checks with the following exception:

An applicant currently participating as an authorized vendor for which a protest/appeal of State Agency disqualification or suspension is pending a decision at the time an application is received may continue accepting WIC checks until a decision regarding the appeal has been rendered.

If the result of the protest/appeal upholds the State Agency's action, the Vendor Agreement will be terminated. If the result of the protest/appeal overturns the State Agency's action, the Vendor Agreement shall remain in effect.

HOW APPLICATIONS ARE PROCESSED

The State Agency, under current regulations, has 60 days to process an acceptable application for WIC authorization. At any time during that period, an unannounced on-site review will be conducted. The on-site review consists of checking to verify minimum stock, collecting prices, and verifying information contained on the application.

After an on-site review is conducted, the prices collected by State Agency staff are analyzed and compared to prices for other stores similar in size and geographic location. These groupings are called “Peer Groups”. Currently, there are three size categories and 19 Peer Groups. They are as follows:

Region 1 consists of Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Peer Group 1, Region 1, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;
Peer Group 2, Region 1, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;
Peer Group 3, Region 1, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes;

Region 2 consists of Frederick and Washington Counties.

Peer Group 4, Region 2, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;
Peer Group 5, Region 2, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;
Peer Group 6, Region 2, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes;

Region 3 consists of Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties.

Peer Group 7, Region 3, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;
Peer Group 8, Region 3, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;
Peer Group 9, Region 3, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes;

Region 4 consists of Baltimore City.

Peer Group 10, Region 4, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;
Peer Group 11, Region 4, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;
Peer Group 12, Region 4, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes;

Region 5 consists of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Peer Group 13, Region 5, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;

Peer Group 14, Region 5, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;

Peer Group 15, Region 5, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes;

Region 6 consists of Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Saint Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Peer Group 16, Region 6, Large Stores, 8 or more check out lanes;

Peer Group 17, Region 6, Medium Stores, 4 to 7 check out lanes;

Peer Group 18, Region 6, Small Stores, 1 to 3 check out lanes.

Peer Group (19)* Potential above 50% vendors.

**Peer Group (19) is designated for vendors that appear to derive more than 50% of the vendor's eligible food sales from the redemption of WIC food instruments. Vendors placed in this Peer Group will only be paid the statewide average of all non-above 50% vendors until the vendor has demonstrated that it is not an above 50% vendor. If the vendor is unable to demonstrate that it is not an above 50% vendor, the vendor's authorization shall be terminated.*

Your store's prices are only compared to other store's prices in your Peer Group. This ensures that your stores prices are fairly evaluated. **If it is determined that your store's prices exceed 125% of the Peer Group average, you will be denied authorization, and advised of the denial in writing.**

If your store's prices are determined to be acceptable, and all other authorization criteria have been met, you will be notified in writing that your application has been approved. You will also be advised of the next available New Vendor Training class. New Vendor Training is mandatory and provides important instructions for processing WIC transactions.

Upon completion of training, you will receive your vendor identification stamps. All approved applicants receive 2 self-inking stamps used to affix the Vendor Identification Number on WIC checks in the designated area. **If your vendor stamps are lost, become damaged, or wear out, you are responsible for replacement.**

If for any reason your store's application is denied, you will receive written notification of the reason for denial and advised of your right to appeal. **If a store is denied authorization three times in a year, the applicant vendor cannot**

reapply for WIC authorization until 1 year after the last denial date or after the date of appeal's result is made.

MILITARY COMMISSARIES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Defense have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to clarify the basic responsibilities of the State WIC agencies or their designated local agencies and military commissaries authorized to be WIC vendors.

Military Commissaries, as federal entities, are exempt from some State requirements; however, the State WIC Agency may still authorize them as WIC vendors pursuant to CFR §246.12(f)(1) of the federal regulations for the WIC Program, which permits modification of the Vendor Agreement. A commissary will be required to submit application information to the Program by the deadline if one is given.

MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENTS

Retail food stores and combination retail food store/pharmacies applying for authorization to participate in the WIC Program must have on the premises of their stores at all times a minimum amount of WIC authorized foods in the brands and container sizes approved by the Program for purchase by WIC participants. **Pharmacies are exempt from the minimum stock requirement.**

Listed below are the foods and amounts that a retail food store or combination food store/pharmacy must have on their premises. **Please refer to the current WIC Authorized Foods List included with this package** for additional information on WIC approved brands, varieties, and container sizes and types.

MILK
4 gallons AND 2 quarts fluid whole milk and 10 gallons AND 2 quarts fluid low fat (1%) or fat free milk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Store brand if available• Not allowed: 2% milk or buttermilk, Chocolate or other flavor, Organic, rice, or goat milk, Sweetened condensed.• WIC approved Soy beverages are only permitted when printed on checks.
CHEESE
6 pounds, 4 varieties <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Block or sliced• Varieties: American, Cheddar, Colby, Monterey Jack, Mozzarella, Muenster, Provolone, Swiss• Low fat or reduced fat and low sodium OK• Not allowed: Size less than 8 ounces, Organic or imported, Deli, string, or individually wrapped, Cheese food, spread, or product, Cream cheese, Shredded, crumbled, or cubed, With flavors, nuts, peppers, or crackers
EGGS
6 dozen <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White, medium or large• One dozen size only• Store brand if available• Not allowed: Organic, brown, fertile, or cage free, Lowfat or cholesterol free, omega-3, pasteurized, or other specialty eggs

DRIED AND CANNED BEANS
<p>3 pounds, 1-pound size bag, dry type, 2 varieties and</p> <p>12 cans, 14-16 ounce size, 3 varieties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Varieties: beans like kidney, pinto, black, Navy, or garbanzo; split peas and blackeye peas; lentils Low sodium OK Not allowed: Organic, Green or wax beans, sweet peas*, Soup, soup mixes, or with flavor packets, Beans with sauce, meat, fat, or oil
PEANUT BUTTER
<p>6 jars, 18 ounce size</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plain, 16 to 18 ounce jar, Smooth, crunchy, extra crunchy, creamy, or honey-roasted Not allowed: Organic, natural, or reduced-fat, Mixed with marshmallow, jelly, jam, honey, or chocolate, Fresh-ground
CANNED TUNA, SALMON, and SARDINES
<p>30 ounces, 2 varieties</p> <p>Tuna (5 to 6 oz. cans); Salmon (5,6, or 7.5 oz. cans); Sardines (3.75 oz. can)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Water pack only Not allowed: Albacore or white tuna, Red salmon, Fish with added flavor or sauce, Pouch, bowl, or kit
CEREAL (WOMEN and CHILDREN)
<p>6 boxes, 2 varieties (corn, wheat, oats, rice) and</p> <p>6 boxes whole grain, 2 varieties (wheat, oats), at least one hot cereal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Box size \geq 12 ounces for cold cereal and \geq 11.8 ounces for hot cereal. Allowed cereals (bold font indicates whole grain cereal): <i>General Mills:</i> Cheerios, MultiGrain Cheerios, Total Whole Grain, Corn Chex, MultiBran Chex, Rice Chex, Wheat Chex, Kix, Wheaties <i>Kelloggs:</i> All Bran Complete Wheat Flakes, Unfrosted Mini Wheats, Corn Flakes, Crispix, Special K, Rice Krispies <i>Post:</i> Banana Nut Crunch, Bran Flakes, Grape Nuts, Grape Nuts Flakes, Honey Bunches of Oats – Vanilla Clusters, Honey Roasted; Almond; Cinnamon Bunches <i>Quaker:</i> Cinnamon Oatmeal Squares, Instant Oatmeal (Original Flavor), Instant Grits (Original Flavor) <i>B&G Foods:</i> Cream of Wheat Whole Grain; Cream of Wheat (Instant, 1 minute; 2 ½ minutes, 10 minute) Not allowed: Organic

**100% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD AND ROLLS, BROWN RICE, SOFT CORN TORTILLAS,
and WHOLE WHEAT TORTILLAS**

4 pounds, 2 varieties (100% Whole Wheat Bread, Brown Rice, Soft Corn Tortillas, or Whole Wheat Tortillas)

- 100% whole wheat bread or rolls 15-16 ounce (1 pound)
- 14 -16 ounce (1 pound) Brown Rice
- 16 ounce (1 pound) Soft Corn or Whole Wheat Tortillas
- 100% whole wheat bread: Arnold Stone Ground 100%Whole Wheat Bread Food Lion 100%WholeWheat Bread, Giant Wheat Bread, Giant Stone Ground 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Great Value 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Healthy Life 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Mars Wheat Bread, Nature's Own 100% Whole Grain Sugar Free, Pepperidge Farm 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Pepperidge Farm Very Thin Sliced 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Pepperidge Farm Light Style Soft Wheat Bread, Roman Meal Sungrain 100% WholeWheat Bread, Sara Lee Classic 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Schmidt Old Tyme 100% Whole Wheat Whole Grain Bread, Schmidt Old Tyme Whole Grain Sugar Free Bread, Schmidt Whole Grain 100% Whole Wheat Sandwich Rolls, Schmidt Whole Grain 100% Whole Wheat Hotdog Rolls, Shoppers 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Weight Watchers 100% Whole Wheat Bread, Weight Watchers Wheat Sandwich Rolls, Wonder Soft 100% Whole Wheat Bread
- Tortillas: Buena Vida Whole Grain Tortillas, Celia's Corn Tortillas, ChiChi's White Corn or Whole Wheat Tortillas, Don Pancho White Corn or Whole Wheat Tortillas, La Burrita Yellow Corn Tortillas, La Banderita White Corn or Whole Wheat , Tortillas, Mission Yellow Corn or Whole Wheat Tortillas, Ortega Whole Wheat Tortillas
- Not allowed(bread): Raisin or other bread with fruit or nuts, Pita or bagel bread or English muffins, Organic or size less than 15 ounces
- Not allowed(Tortillas): Fried corn tortillas, chips, tostadas, or taco shells, White flour tortillas or with any added flavors, Organic
- Not allowed(brown rice): Ready-to-serve or precooked in pouch, Rice with added flavor, sauce, or vegetables, Organic or size less than 14 ounces

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE

\$32 total value of vegetables and fruit, 2 varieties of vegetables AND of fruit

- Fresh (whole or cut), frozen, and canned allowed
- Prepackaged OK
- Low sodium and organic OK
- Plastic, metal, glass, paper, or foil containers OK
- **Not allowed:** White, red-skin, or gold potatoes, Salad bar items, party platters, fruit baskets, Herbs, nuts, peanuts, Salad kits with nuts, croutons, or dressing, Fruit or vegetables with dips, Dried fruit, French fries, tater tots, or other white potatoes, WIC or other juice*, Soup, With potato, rice, or pasta, With breading, butter, sauces, fat, oil, or meat, With sugar, WIC beans,* pork and beans, or baked beans, WIC or other juice*, Soup, With added white potato, meat, fat, oil, rice, or pasta, Sugar-sweetened or in syrup, With artificial sweetener, Pickled vegetables, relishes, catsup, Cranberry sauce, pie filling

*WIC juice and WIC beans must be purchased with WIC checks that prescribe these food items.

100% FRUIT JUICE

9 cans, 11.5 – 12 ounce concentrate, frozen and/or shelf-stable, 2 varieties and

6 bottles or cartons, 59-64 ounce size, 2 varieties

- 100% juice, unsweetened, Brands and types shown here only, Can, carton, or bottle size shown on check, With calcium OK
- Brands, types allowed:

Frozen Concentrate, 100% Unsweetened Juice:

Orange, Grapefruit, – any brand
 Apple – Old Orchard, Seneca
 Pineapple – Dole, Old Orchard
 Purple grape – Old Orchard, Seneca, Welch's
 White grape – Old Orchard, Welch's

Shelf-stable Concentrate, 100% Unsweetened Juice:

Apple – Welch's, Juicy Juice
 Purple Grape – Welch's
 White Grape – Welch's

Plastic Bottle or Paper Carton, 59-64 ounce, 100% Unsweetened Juice:

Orange, Grapefruit, Pineapple– any brand
 Apple – Old Orchard, Seneca, Apple & Eve, Juicy Juice, Tree Top
 Purple grape – Old Orchard, Seneca, Welch's
 Red grape – Welch's
 White grape – Old Orchard, Welch's

- Not allowed: Glass bottles, Organic or fresh-squeezed, Fruit cocktail, punch, or drink

INFANT FORMULA	
<u>SIMILAC ADVANCE WITH IRON:</u>	<u>SIMILAC SOY ISOMIL:</u>
12 cans powder, 12.4 ounce size	6 cans powder, 12.4 ounce size
42 cans concentrate, 13 ounce size	18 cans concentrate, 13 ounce size
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not allowed: Organic 	
INFANT CEREAL	
6 boxes, 8 or 16 ounce size, dry, 2 varieties (one variety <u>must</u> be rice cereal) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contract brand only (Currently Gerber) Varieties: rice, barley, oatmeal, mixed, whole wheat Not allowed: With fruit, formula, or DHA, organic 	
INFANT FRUITS and VEGETABLES	
32 jars or plastic containers, 3.5 - 4.0 ounce size, 2 varieties fruit and 2 varieties vegetables <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any brand Plain vegetables or combination of vegetables (example: carrots and yams) Plain fruit or combination of fruits (example: apples and bananas) Multi-packs OK (a 2-pack = 2 containers) Not allowed: Organic or with DHA, With meat, yogurt, cereal, pasta, or rice, Dinners, desserts, soups, stews, or diced, Less than 3.5 or greater than 4 ounce container 	
INFANT MEATS	
31 jars, 2.5 ounce size, 2 varieties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any brand Plain chicken, turkey, beef, lamb, veal, or ham Not allowed: Organic or with DHA, With added vegetables, fruit, rice, cereal, or pasta, Dinners, meat sticks, stews, or soups 	

Pharmacies and combination retail store/pharmacies must be able to provide, within 48 hours of a request from a Participant or the Program (excluding weekends and holidays), any other formula that is prescribed on the WIC check.

Maryland WIC Authorized Vendor Infant Formula Supplier Directory

Below are infant formula sources for Maryland WIC authorized vendors. As a Maryland WIC authorized vendor, infant formula may only be obtained from the sources provided in this directory. If you do not see your current source listed please contact this office at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4942 (toll free) for guidance. **Note: You may have a different address for the same sources, which is acceptable.** You may change your source at any time provided your new source is listed. This directory will be updated annually and is also available online at www.mdwic.org

<u>Manufacturers</u>	
Mead Johnson 282 Galahad Drive Rochester, NY 14623-5508 585-334-9377	Nestle USA 800 North Brand Blvd Glendale, CA 91203 617-770-2638
Abbott Laboratories 3300 Stelzer Road Columbus OH 43219	PBM Nutritionals 147 Industrial Park Road Georgia, VT 05468-2109 800-959-2066 x131
Nutricia North America 9900 Belward Campus Drive Ste 100 Rockville MD 20850	Solus Products, LLC 8910 Purdue Road, Suite 230 Indianapolis, IN 46268
<u>Distributors</u>	
Cardinal Health 1120 Commerce Blvd Swedesboro, NJ 08085 301-341-4308	Jetro 3405 Annapolis Road Baltimore, MD 21227 410-354-1500
Moran Foods, Inc. 9822 Prosperity Lane Williamsport, MD 21795 800-828-1530	Supervalu, Inc 8258 Richfood Road Mechanicsville, VA 23116 800-444-7424
Supervalu, Inc. 3900 Industrial Road Harrisburg, PA 17110 717-232-6821	Food Lion Distribution Center #7 Lot 16 Commerce Ave Greencastle, PA 17225 717-597-1100
Lancaster Distribution Center 500 S Muddy Creek Road Denver, PA 17517 717-335-4000	

Wholesalers	
Associated Wholesalers, Inc Route 422 Robesonia, PA 19551-0067 800-927-7771	AWI 600 Arsenal Road York, PA 17402 717-854-1505
B-Green Cash & Carry 1300 S Monroe St Baltimore, MD 21230 410-539-6134	B-Green Cash & Carry 2401 Belair Road Baltimore, MD 21213 410-563-0323
Bill's Wholesale Grocery, Inc. 211 Meadows Ridge Drive Mt. Norris, PA 15349 800-288-2565	Bozzuto's, Inc. 275 Schoolhouse Road Cheshire, CT 06410 800-243-9761
C & S Wholesale Grocers 100 Quality Circle, Suite 107 Harrisburg, PA 17112 717-657-7720	Cho Wholesaler, Inc. 1818 Pennsylvania Ave Baltimore, MD 21217 571-288-9844
Economy Wholesale Co. P O Box 346 Lavale, MD 21502 301-724-0202	George J. Falter P O Box 24176 Baltimore, MD 21227 800-322-3491
Maryland Cash & Carry 1808 N Patterson Park Ave Baltimore, MD 21213 410-558-2047	Nash Finch Company 1100 Prosperity Ave Lima, OH 45802 800-472-1847

VENDOR APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please carefully read and follow the instructions provided for completing your application for WIC authorization.

- ✓ Clearly print or type your answers.
- ✓ Fill in all blanks. If a particular question does not apply to your store, write "N/A" for Not Applicable.
- ✓ List the names of all of the owners of the store. If the store is incorporated, write the name of the corporation and list the names of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and the address of the corporation.
- ✓ Utilize your store's last federal or state tax form to provide gross annual sales. If the store is new, provide an estimate. This information will be kept confidential.
- ✓ Sign and date each application. Vendor applications must be signed and dated to be considered valid.
- ✓ Sign, date, and return each Vendor Agreement (included in this package). One will be returned to you at the time of authorization.

Failure to provide accurate information may result in unnecessary delays in processing your application. Incomplete applications will be returned. If it is determined that false information was provided, the application will be denied.

Receipt of Applications

Applications may be hand delivered or mailed. Mail or deliver the applications to:

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Office of the Maryland WIC Program
201 W. Preston Street, Room 103
Baltimore, MD 21201

Your application will be approved or denied within 60 days of receipt by this office. If you have questions or difficulty completing this application, please contact Mr. Siwon Lee at 410-767-5433, Ms. Tiasha Taylor at 410-767-3519, Ms. Maura K. Shea at 410-767-5251, or call toll free at 1-800-242-4942 for assistance.

FAXED APPLICATIONS CANNOT BE ACCEPTED